In the Claims

1-22. (canceled)

23. (New) A method for treating a psychiatric disorder in an animal, comprising:

administering to said animal an effective amount of an I_h channel inhibitor, wherein said I_h channel inhibitor has a pIC₅₀ of 5 to 12 for inhibition of the hyperpolarization-activated cation current in dorsal root ganglion cells.

- 24. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the psychiatric disorder is depression, anxiety or psychosis.
- 25. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the pIC_{50} is in the range of 6 to 9.
- 26. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the pIC_{50} is in the range of 6 to 9.